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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Monday, 7 December 1998*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-third session*

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| 10 a.m. | 80th PLENARY MEETING | General Assembly Hall |
| 3 p.m. | 81st PLENARY MEETING | General Assembly Hall |

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [8]:

   (a) Third report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.2)

   (b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/235)

2. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly: special report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/726) [3]

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [36]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/672)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.60)

   (c) Amendment (A/53/L.61)

4. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [160]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/574 and Corr.1)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.43/Rev.1)

5. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/53/L.62) [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/53/L.59) [20 (a)]

(continued overleaf)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.31, A/53/L.33/Rev.2, A/53/L.44, A/53/L.63) [20 (b)]

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people [20 (d)]:

(i) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.54/Rev.1, A/53/L.56)

(ii) Draft decision (A/53/L.65)

6. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: draft resolution (A/53/L.39/Rev.1) [24]

7. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: draft resolution (A/53/ L.21/Rev.1) [35]

8. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft resolution (A/53/L.40/Rev.1) [164]

9. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

(b) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/698, A/53/699)

10. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/108) [17 (g)]

11. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/707) [17 (a)]

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/708) [17 (b)]

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/709) [17 (c)]

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/710) [17 (d)]

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/711) [17 (e)]

(f) International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/712) [17 (f)]

## Committees

### FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 40th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)

   *Continuation of general discussion*

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718)

   *Continuation of general discussion*

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40)

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

4. Human resources management [119]

   Respect for privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations, including a section on the ability of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to carry out their functions as a result of Member States' restrictions (A/C.5/52/2 and A/53/501)

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

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| Morning*-1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda items 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only), A/53/134, A/C.5/53/41, A/C.5/53/42, A/C.5/53/43 and A/C.5/53/44)) and 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of Conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669))

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| 6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4, A/C.5/53/27 and A/53/688))

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### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subject*

United Nations Environment Programme

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### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 7 December, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Wednesday, 9 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

## Announcement

Delegations are reminded that Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly provides as follows:

"The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation shall be submitted to the Secretary-General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs."

Delegations that have not submitted credentials in the form required by Rule 27 to the Secretary-General in respect of the fifty-third session of the Assembly are asked to do so without delay so that these credentials may be examined by the Credentials Committee at its 2nd meeting.

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* Following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Monday, 7 December 1998*

GROUP OF 77
*(on Fifth Committee matters)*

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| 9 a.m.-9.45 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |
| 1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

GROUP OF 77
*(on draft resolutions A/53/L.39 and L.40)*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

GROUP OF 77
*(on the organization of work of the Commission on the Status of Women)*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room A |

GROUP OF 77
*(on the Commission for Sustainable Development: Consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption)*

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| 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

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| 4 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

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There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Monday, 7 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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**Informal consultations**

There will be informal consultations, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, on Monday, 7 December 1998, from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7, on the draft decision to follow-up to the report of the Secretary General on "Arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the United Nations system" (A/53/170). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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**Announcement**

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 8 December 1998*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-third session*

10 a.m. 82nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [52]

2. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [53]

3. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [54]

4. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [55]

5. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [56]

6. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [57]

7. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [43]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/564)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.57)

3 p.m. 83rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/627) [146]

2. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/628) [147]

3. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/629) [148]

4. United Nations Decade of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/630) [149]

5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/631) [150]

6. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/632) [151]

7. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/633) [152]

8. Establishment of an international criminal court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/634) [153]

9. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/635) [154]

10. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/636) [155]

11. Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/637) [156]

**Committees**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 41st meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| Morning* | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| 3 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| 6.30 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

The Committee will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

The Committee will also hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations on Friday, 11 December (time and place to be announced).

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**United Nations Children's Fund**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Pre-session meeting*

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

*First regular session for 1999*

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF ( 212-326-7096 ) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Thursday, 3 December 1998*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

78th plenary meeting

*Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples* [18]:

(a) *Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/53/23 (Parts I-IX))*

(b) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/368, A/53/130 and Corr.1)*

(c) *Draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12)*

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement in the course of which he introduced the Committee's report (A/53/23).

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.58.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria and Papua New Guinea.

Members were informed that action on the draft resolutions submitted under this item would be taken after the General Assembly had considered the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

*Reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

The Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement in the course of which he introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda on agenda items 81 to 87, 88 and 18, 89 and 12 and 90 and 18.

*Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/595)* [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/595) (resolution 53/44).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

*International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/596)* [82]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/596) (resolution 53/45).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

*United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/597)* [83]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the seven draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 22 of its report (A/53/597).

| | *Yes* | *Against* | *Abstentions* |
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| Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 53/46) | 157 | 1 | 2 |
| Draft resolution II (resolution 53/47) | | adopted | |
| Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 53/48) | 156 | 2 | 1 |
| Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 53/49) | 160 | 0 | 1 |
| Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 53/50) | 157 | 2 | 2 |
| Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 53/51) | 156 | 2 | 1 |
| Draft resolution VII (recorded vote) (resolution 53/52) | 156 | 2 | 2 |

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83.

*Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/598)* [84]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the five draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 21 of its report A/53/598.

| | *Yes* | *Against* | *Abstentions* |
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| Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 53/53) | 86 | 2 | 67 |
| Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 53/54) | 155 | 2 | 2 |
| Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 53/55) | 150 | 3 | 2 |
| Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 53/56) | 151 | 2 | 4 |
| Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 53/57) | 150 | 1 | 6 |

The representative of Swaziland made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84.

*Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/599)* [85]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/599) (resolution 53/58).

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 85.

*Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/600)* [86]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/600) (resolutions 53/59 A and B).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/600).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 86.

*Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/601)* [87]

By 156 votes to 0, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/601) (resolution 53/60).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 87.

*Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/602)* [88 and 18]

By 154 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/53/602) (resolution 53/61).

By 99 votes to 54, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 12 of its report (A/53/602).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 88.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

*Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/603)* [89 and 12]

By 112 votes to 0, with 51 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/603) (resolution 53/62).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 89.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

*Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/604)* [90]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/604) (resolution 53/63).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 90.

*Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/594)* [18]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II, III and IV recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 34 of its report (A/53/594) (resolutions 53/64, 53/65, 53/66 and 53/67).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 35 of its report (A/53/594).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) before it.

*Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12)* [18]

By 144 votes to 2, with 18 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.58 (resolution 53/68).

By 156 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 12, Part II, Chapter III of document A/53/23 (resolution 53/69).

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 18.

*Programme of work: commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 December 1998)*

The General Assembly was informed that the opening of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the award of human rights prizes will be held in the General Assembly Hall at 10 a.m. For logistical reasons, the commemoration will continue the same morning and for the rest of the day in Conference Room 4, where all statements by Member States and observers will be heard.

## *Friday, 4 December 1998*

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

79th plenary meeting

*Note:* The summary of the 79th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/235).

### Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 39th meeting

*Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999* [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

*First performance report*

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the first performance report (A/53/693).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.8).

The representative of Ukraine made a statement.

*Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures*

The Director of the Management Policy Office of the Department of Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/852).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally reported on the observations of the Committee on this question.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Chile.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement.

The representative of Australia also made a proposal.

The Committee decided to revert to this matter at a later stage.

*Net budgeting, including its impact on the functioning of the entities concerned*

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/410).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally reported on the observations of the Committee on this question.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on net budgeting, including its impact on the functioning of the entities concerned (A/53/410), and to endorse the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

*Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.57 (A/C.5/53/39 and A/53/723)*

The Committee had before it the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.57 (A/C.5/53/39).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/723).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/53/L.57, an additional appropriation of $5, 919,800 would be required under section 3 (Peacekeeping operations and special missions) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of $849,800 would also be required under section 32 (Staff assessment), to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

*Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations* [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

*Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718)*

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/220).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/718).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and Cameroon.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on Monday, 7 December, at 1 p.m.

*Guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867 and A/53/508)*

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman then informed the Committee that they would revert to this question at a later stage.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman informed the Committee that statements by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend) and Ethiopia on agenda item 119 (Human resources management: Report of the Secretary-General on behalf of and with the approval of the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the respect for privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations, including a section on the ability of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to carry out their functions as a result of Member States' restrictions) would be delivered on Monday, 7 December, in the morning.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Cuba, Costa Rica, Egypt and Indonesia.

The Chairman made a statement.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1998

57th meeting

*Consideration of reports* [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Canada (E/1994/104/Add.14) by adopting concluding observations.

The Committee thus concluded its work under agenda item 6.

*Report of the Committee to the Economic and Social Council* [9]

The Committee considered and adopted its annual report.

*Closure of the session*

The Chairman declared the nineteenth session closed.

## SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

### [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997*

*Ratification:* Saint Kitts and Nevis (2 December 1998)*

*Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996*

*Ratification:* Argentina (4 December 1998)*

*Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998*

*Signature:* Gambia (4 December 1998)

*Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998*

*Signature:* Sudan (4 December 1998)

*Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996*

*Consent to be bound:* Bulgaria (3 December 1998)*

*Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995*

*Consent to be bound:* Bulgaria (3 December 1998)*

*Amendments to articles 6 (6) and 7 (1) of the Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Trieste, Italy, 3 December 1996*

*Ratification:* Venezuela (4 December 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

*Exhibition*

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 6 December 1998.

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**Signing ceremony**

The United Nations and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) are launching a Programme of Co-operation. The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations, organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 7 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. A panel discussion on "Accountability in Governance: Perspectives from ASPA" will follow. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Ms. Jeanne-Marie Col (tel.: 963-8377) or Mr. Gary Manukyan (tel.: 963-5410).

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**Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters**

***General Assembly***

*10 December 1998*

*Plenary meeting*
*10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*General Assembly Hall*

Opening of the commemoration

Award of human rights prizes

*Conference Room 4*

Statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

*Plenary meeting*
*3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.*

*Conference Room 4*

Continuation of the commemoration: statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

*Plenary meeting*
*starting at 9.30 p.m.*

*Conference Room 4*

Continuation of the commemoration: statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

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* See list of speakers below. At its 76th plenary meeting on 2 December 1998, the General Assembly decided that statements made in the plenary during the commemoration would be limited to five minutes.

***List of speakers for the commemoration***

1. Algeria
2. New Zealand
3. United States
4. United Kingdom (The Rt. Hon. Claire Short, MP, Secretary of State for International Development)
5. Norway (H.E. Hilda Frafjord Johnson, Minister For Human Rights)
6. Japan
7. Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
8. Canada
9. Kyrgyzstan
10. Mexico (H.E. Carmen Moreno de Del Cueto, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs)
11. Syrian Arab Republic
12. Jordan
13. Australia
14. Andorra
15. Palestine[1]
16. Oman
17. Benin
18. Mozambique
19. Monaco
20. Iceland
21. Botswana
22. Tunisia
23. Mongolia
24. Singapore
25. Argentina
26. Brazil
27. Croatia
28. Nigeria
29. Cuba
30. Ecuador
31. Chile
32. Thailand (H.E. M.R. Sukhumband Paribatra, Deputy Foreign Minister)
33. Colombia
34. Peru
35. China
36. Romania
37. Lithuania (H.E. Mr. Vytautas Pakalniskis, Minister of Justice)
38. Malta
39. Costa Rica
40. Pakistan
41. Uganda
42. Venezuela
43. Ukraine
44. Liechtenstein
45. Bangladesh
46. India
47. Egypt
48. Belarus
49. Guyana
50. United Arab Emirates
51. El Salvador
52. Malaysia
53. Kazakhstan
54. Paraguay

55. Uruguay
56. Lebanon
57. Burkina Faso
58. Poland
59. Germany
60. Senegal
61. Solomon Islands
62. South Africa
63. Turkey
64. Philippines
65. Georgia
66. Republic of Korea
67. Morocco
68. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
69. Côte d'Ivoire
70. Israel
71. Islamic Republic of Iran
72. Namibia
73. Yemen
74. Cyprus
75. Czech Republic
76. Myanmar
77. Hungary
78. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
79. Republic of Moldova
80. Russian Federation
81. Sri Lanka
82. Viet Nam
83. Bahrain
84. Cameroon
85. Armenia
86. Latvia
87. Samoa
88. Haiti
89. Azerbaijan
90. Honduras
91. Bulgaria
92. Indonesia
93. Fiji
94. United Republic of Tanzania
95. Liberia
96. Lesotho
97. Niger
98. Dominican Republic
99. Guatemala
100. Italy
101. Jamaica
102. Maldives
103. Qatar
104. Panama
105. Mali
106. Eritrea
107. Lao People's Democratic Republic
108. Uzbekistan

1. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Dr. Astrid Heiberg President)
2. Switzerland
3. Holy See (H.E. Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, Secretary for Relations with States and Special Envoy of His Holiness Pope John Paul II)
4. International Committee of the Red Cross
5. Latin American Parliament (Mr. Juan Adolfo Singer, MP, President)

***Other events at Headquarters***

*[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media.]*

*3-9 December 1998*

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on 7, 8 and 9 December

Screening of each film at 6 p.m., each followed by a panel discussion

*10 December 1998*

9.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]

11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (English, 30 minutes). Panel discussion to follow (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

1.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "Tous les êtres humains..." (French, 30 minutes) (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing

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| | Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1) |
| 5.30 p.m. | Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by United Nations Messengers of Peace (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building) |
| 6.30 p.m. | Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presentation of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building) |
| 8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. | Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.* |

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**Chairmen of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Senegal
H.E. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka

*Asian States:*
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal

*Eastern European States:*
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Ricardo G. Castaneda-Cornejo

*Western European and Other States*:
Autriche
H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa

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